

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested. The foregoing amendment and the following arguments are provided to impart precision to the claims, by more particularly pointing out the invention, rather than to avoid prior art.

In the Office Action, claims 1-29 were pending. Claims 1-17 and 24-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101, but otherwise are allowable. Claims 19-23 were allowed. Claims 18 and 29 were objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent forms.

In this response, claims 24-27 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 8, 18, and 29 have been amended to particularly point out and distinctly claim, in full, clear, concise, and exact terms, the subject matter which Applicant regards as his invention. In addition, new claims 30-31 have been added. Thus, claims 1-23 and 28-31 remain pending. No new matter has been added.

Specifically, claims 18 and 29 have been amended as independent claims including substantially all limitations of their respective base and intervening claims. Claim 8 has been amended to overcome the objection.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to overcome the statutory 101 rejection. It is respectfully submitted that claim 1 as amended is directed to a method of modifying an approximate representation, which is a patentable subject matter. Therefore, the amended claim 1 and its dependent claims are allowable. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call/email the undersigned attorney.

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Respectfully submitted,

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